GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Road Infrastructure for Transportation of Coal
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the road infrastructure for the speedy and timely transportation of coal in the country is inadequate;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) the details of expenditure made on creating the road infrastructure and the reasons for continued reduction in budgetary allocation made for the said purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the enhancement of budgetary allocation for creating the road infrastructure and ensure the timely and speedy transportation of coal in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a to c): With present level of production, road infrastructure for the speedy and timely transportation of coal in various coalfields is adequate. However keeping in view the future program of coal production, action has been taken to improve the road infrastructure like conversion of fair weather road to all weather roads, widening & strengthening of existing road and construction of new roads etc. for speedy and timely transportation of coal.

Apart from the expenditure made by various coal companies, the state wise expenditure made against budget allocation under the Central Sector Scheme of "Development of Road Infrastructure in Coalfield Areas" of Ministry of Coal for the year 2013-14 to 2015-16 is enclosed at Annexure.

(d): Under the Central Sector Scheme "Development of Transport infrastructure in Coalfield Areas" under Ministry of Coal, allocation of fund during the year 2016-17 is Rs. 70 Crore against the proposed requirement of Rs 200 Crore. Ministry of Coal has taken up the issue of enhancement of budget allocation under this head with the Ministry of Finance.

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